

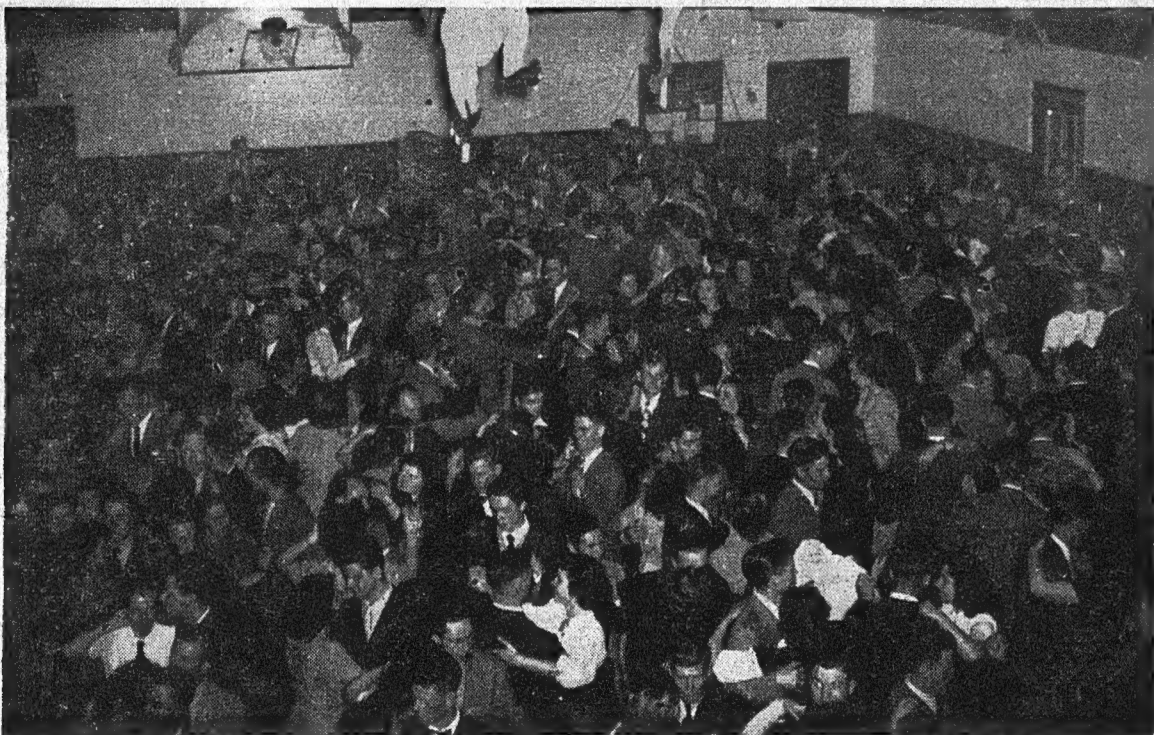
# THE GATEWAY

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**A MOB JAMMED** the Harvest Hop dance held Saturday night for visiting Saskatchewan students. Nearly 1,000 students crowded into the Ed Gym, which has a capacity for only 400 students. Standing-room-only was the theme as the dancers stood in one place shuffling their feet to the beat of

music supplied by Gabby Hawks and his band. Only damage by the crushing mob was \$5.00 worth of glass broken in two small windows. Saskatchewan students had to leave the dance early to catch the train back to their own campus.

—Photo by Goode.



**THROGS STAYED AWAY** as only 150 alums and students attended Alumni Homecoming Dance held in Athabaska Hall (capacity 400), Saturday evening. Plenty of room was available as couples waltzed gaily around the dance floor to the music of Norris Pacey and orchestra. Although notices had

been posted that students were welcome at this dance, few attended the first really formal function of the year. Members of Class '23, celebrating their Silver Anniversary, were special guests of Pembina during intermission.

—Photo by Goode.

## Confer Degrees, Diplomas At Convocation Saturday

Over three hundred students of the University of Alberta will receive degrees and diplomas at Fall Convocation on Saturday, October 23. The ceremony will begin at 2:15 in Convocation Hall.

Degrees will be conferred on 243 students of the summer school sessions and regular students of the University who are receiving their degrees late.

Diplomas will be given out to 109 students. These include graduates in education, nursing, and pharmacy.

Prizes, scholarships and medals will be presented to the undergraduate and non-graduating senior students of the University at the ceremony.

The Registrar of the University, G. B. Taylor, said today he expected that many of the awards would be made "in absentia."

The program, which will be similar to those of former years, will begin with the Procession, to be formed outside of the Senate Chambers and in the North and South Halls on the second floor of the Arts Building. The graduands will proceed from the North Hall.

### DR. NEWTON REPORT

Following the singing of O Canada, Rev. Dr. E. J. Thompson, principal of St. Stephen's College, will make the invocation. President Robert Newton will present his annual report to convocation.

### VCF REOPENS BOOK MARKET

V.C.F. Book Exchange is reopening until Friday, Oct. 22, to give those students who have as yet not collected their money or unsold books a chance to do so. Any money not claimed by Friday at 6:00 p.m. will be turned over to the Students' Union Building Fund.

The V.C.F. office is located in the basement of the Algonquin Apartments, and will be open from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. daily.

The Honorary Degree of Doctor of Laws will be conferred upon the Hon. J. A. McKinnon, who is Member of Parliament for West Edmonton, and Dr. A. E. Archer, of Lamont, Alberta. Mr. McKinnon will also deliver the Convocation Address.

In regard to the announcement of awards of scholarships prizes and medals, which follows the address, the Registrar wants it understood that students who are intending to come to receive congratulations for an award may obtain admission tickets, to be secured at his office on or before Thursday, October twenty-first. If each student is in possession of a ticket, it will alleviate matters, and eliminate embarrassment when the announcements are made.

### DIPLOMAS

Following the acknowledgement of awards, the presentation of diplomas will be made.

The conferring of degrees concludes the afternoon's ceremonies. The Presentation will be made by the Dean of Faculty of Arts and Science, Dr. F. A. MacDonald. The Pledge will be administered by President Robert Newton, and the Admission, by the Chancellor, Dr. G. F. McNally.

A complete list of the Awards appeared in the Convocation issue of the Gateway last spring.

### NEXT EDITION

There will be no edition of The Gateway on Friday. Next edition will be Tuesday, October 26. All articles and notices should be turned into The Gateway office by Sunday night, Oct. 24.

## Students Win Money Scholarships

A total of \$1,500 in scholarships has been won by University students according to a recent release by Mr. G. B. Taylor, Registrar.

Two undergrads on the campus are each \$600 richer after winning Gas Company scholarships for that amount. The recipients of these awards are Allen Gordon Norem of Berwyn, and Erhard Reinelt of Tupper Creek, British Columbia.

Elizabeth Anne Donald of Edmonton, was awarded the Phyllis Osborne McGachie Bursary in Household Economics, valued at \$100. This Bursary is awarded on the basis of academic record and general character qualifications, to a second year student in the B.Sc. House Economics course.

The Zeta Psi Fraternity Foundation just recently made available a \$200 award to a non-fraternity student to be awarded on the basis of academic record and character and financial considerations. This award being made for the first time, has been presented to Clinton Bruce Hatfield of Calgary.

### FIVE PINS

Competitive play begins in the Thursday section of the Varsity Bowling Club, this Thursday at 5:00 p.m.

There is still room for thirty or more regular bowlers, and those interested are asked to contact Bob Rosser, 31170, or see him at the Seena Alleys on Whyte Avenue, Oct. 21. Watch the Alarm for further Bowling News.

## EDITORIAL

The banquet hall was buzzing with conversation. The time was 7:22 p.m., and grace had just been spoken. The fruit cocktails were just coming, and somewhere a voice said, "Gosh, they started this banquet 20 minutes late, and they're still slow with the service."

Fruit cocktails came at 7:25; consomme came at 7:45; thirty-five minutes later, at 8:20, the main course finally arrived. The King was toasted at 8:48, and at 9 o'clock, the time the dance was to have started, the first speaker of the evening was still on his feet. Half an hour later, 30 minutes after the dance was to have started, the main speaker had not yet been heard.

He had come 3,000 miles to attend this banquet, but when he finally did get to his feet, he scrapped his prepared speech and delivered an impromptu one, so that the banquet could end and everyone might get a chance to have at least one dance. He finished about 10 o'clock—remember, the dance was to have started at 9.

With the dance scheduled for 9 p.m., coffee for alumni was scheduled to be served in Pembina Hall at 10. The banquet guests left the banquet hall with the option of going to Pem for coffee or going to the dance in Athabaska Hall.

But very soon a lot of people did go to Pem, because the dance orchestra called intermission at 10:30.

You will notice in the above paragraph we refer to "a lot of people"—we are speaking comparatively, because there were only about 75 couples at the Alumni dance. Half of them were students to whom tickets had been sold to decrease the echoes of an empty hall, and also to increase revenue from a dance that was going into the hole.

Friday night's "Homebrew Variety Show," while at least an effort, was hardly an outstanding success to which alumni far and wide could be expected to come.

In fact, the entire Alumni Homecoming Weekend was an event that was far, far from the event it could be.

First of all, it is sad indeed to face the fact that this University has 9,000 alumni, 1,500 of them in Edmonton and 2,000 in the rest of Alberta, yet less than 200 return to the campus for what is supposed to be an alumni homecoming.

It would be a bitter pill to swallow if the Students' Union were to provide a bang-up weekend of festivities to welcome back U. of A. graduates, and only 200 alumni showed up.

But the Students' Union does not provide anything approaching a bang-up weekend of festivities—the Alumni Homecoming Weekend is practically funeral compared to what it could be.

The Gateway is not blaming the students of the Homecoming Committee for the anemic Homecoming Weekend of this session and last session.

The Director and his Assistant Director and their committee worked long, arduous hours on the Weekend. Their main mistake occurred in not beginning work on the Homecoming soon enough—two or three weeks is not enough time to make a success of a function as big as the Homecoming.

The fault lies with the Students' Council.

If the Council wants to make Alumni Homecoming a success, the whole set-up as it is at present must be revamped, and completely revamped. The first Homecoming was begun three years ago as an experiment—and it has continued to be an experiment during the past two years, an experiment which continues to lose students' money and provides little in return for either students or alumni.

This year's Council has acted in the same unprogressive manner as other Students' Councils have in dealing with student affairs.

Council appoints a Director of Alumni Homecoming, throws the entire matter into his lap, with little but records of other years on which to base his actions.

It is enough of a job, with common, ordinary help so hard to get from students, to expect the Director and his committee to organize functions and operate them successfully without expecting them also to revamp and replan Homecomings of other years so that the Alumni Weekend can expand instead of remaining in expensive swaddling clothes.

But Council didn't see it that way—it let the Director do what he could, sweat it out, and when the function didn't come off as a big, magnificent Homecoming—well, that's too bad.

What is Council going to do about future Homecomings?

The Gateway can only suggest—the students must make the demand if their interest is great enough—that a committee of Council members and executive members of the Homecoming Committee, be appointed to investigate thoroughly the possibility of a real, genuine, big Alumni Homecoming that will see many hundreds of alums coming "home" to be greeted by hearty handshakes and good cheer instead of dull stares and empty dances.

If Council isn't that interested, we suggest it scraps Homecoming completely.

On page 2 of this issue, The Gateway has printed some of the letters it has received on Alumni Homecoming. It asks that you, too, write a letter to the editor if you have an opinion to express.

And one parting note:

The Alumni Homecoming Committee is seriously handicapped, and will continue to be seriously handicapped regardless of how hard it works, by lack of facilities.

For instance,—to have an Alumni Homecoming, you have to let the alumni know there is going to be one. There are 9,000 alumni from this University. To contact them, mimeographed form letters may be used, but 9,000 individual envelopes must be typed by hand.

## SASK. GROUP MAY SUE BULLETIN FOR \$500,000

A \$500,000 slander suit against the Edmonton Bulletin is being contemplated by a group of 100 U. of S. students, according to word received from Sheaf (Sask. student newspaper) officials at noon today.

In a special phone call from Saskatoon, Managing Editor Hank Johnson, of the Sheaf, explained the suit may arise out of a story carried on front page of Saturday's last edition of the Bulletin.

According to the news story, a green-and-white paint job to Clarke Stadium was done Saturday morning.

The Sask. students contend that the damage was done before they arrived in Edmonton on a special football excursion. The Bulletin reported that it occurred shortly after the excursionists arrived.

The U. of S. students claim that while they do not know who swung the paint brushes, they have positive proof that the job was completed before the train arrived here.

Students are expected to press charges soon.

## Apathy Engulfs Class Elections

### Dearth of Nominations Forces Deadline Extension

The Sophs have done it again!

With only one nomination received from the Sophomore Class by deadline time on Monday, the Students' Union have, of necessity, extended the nomination deadline for the positions of vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and three executive members of the Soph Class to noon, Monday, Oct. 25.

President of the Sophomore Class for the coming year will be Raymond James Kirker, who went in by acclamation.

Freshmen response to the elections was not much better than the Soph, and all offices, with the exception of vice-president, were filled by acclamation. Betty Thompson and Violet King are contesting this office. Officers of the freshman class executive are, president, Dale

Simmons; secretary-treasurer, Tom Jackson; and executive members John Godel, Costa Chrysanthou and Audrey Anderson.

### ACCLAMATIONS

The other two classes did slightly better.

Of the 24 class executive positions to be elected 10 were filled by acclamation, and a total of 18 nominees are ready to contest the other 11 positions for which nominations were received.

Keen campaigning will feature the Senior Class elections, although Bob Junkers has already attained the position of secretary-treasurer by virtue of being lone nominee. Other nominations include: president, Bob Judge, Don Norem, and Dave Shoul-dice; vice-president, Lois Nichols, Blanche Fortier, Viv Kirkpatrick; members of the executive, D. W. Kennedy, Marjorie Sands, Bill Jew-itt, Doreen Porter, and Fred Cum-mer.

### JUNIOR CLASS

Vice-president of the Junior Class, Norma Fledderjohn, went in by acclamation. Three of the positions for the executive will be contested when the students go to the polls on Thursday, October 28th, to vote. Reg. Tanner, Tom Marow and Fred L. Wilkins are running for the position of president. H. W. Webber and Norm Parry are running for secretary-treasurer. The members of the executive will be chosen from Gino D'Apollonia, E. T. Linney, C. Corrick and Francis Little.

Information as to the positions of polling booths, eligibility of voters, and methods of voting will be re-leased later in the week by the Students' Union office, and will be published in the next issue of The Gateway.

## 300 Engineers Hear Address By EIC Head

Three hundred engineers heard Dean J. N. Finlayson, president of the Engineering Institute of Canada, give an address, "Engineering Training," at the first general meeting of the ESS in the Education Auditorium last Friday night.

Now head of the Faculty of Applied Science at UBC, Mr. Finlayson is recognized as one of the country's leading experts on railway bridge design.

During the course of his address, Dean Finlayson stated that "there is just as much culture in a deep study of Mathematics or hydraulics as in many Arts subjects." He urged student engineers to always "strive harder," and later appealed to engineers to take on active part in outside activities, and the activities of the EIC.

The meeting concluded with the showing of "River of Paper," a film loaned from the Powell River Company.

## Radio Roundtable To Feature Four Alberta Profs

Four University of Alberta professors will be heard on Thursday evening, Oct. 21, at 9:30 p.m., over station CBX.

A. S. R. Tweedie, chairman of this round table discussion, one of a series of such programs among the Western Universities, and Drs. W. G. Hardy, D. B. Scott and A. McAlla will be engaged in a discussion on the subject, "The Fallacy of a Practical Education."

Members of the faculty of University of Alberta will be heard on this Thursday evening series once every month.

### CERCLE FRANCAIS

All students are invited to attend a meeting of the Cercle Francais at 4:00 p.m., Friday Oct. 22, in Room 38, Hut H.

Although knowledge of elementary French is helpful to club members, membership is not limited to students taking French courses.

### JOE'S NOTES

A certain campus coed is the unknown owner of Joe Miller's Chem. 44 notes, after accidentally taking them from the library. Would this kind young lady contact Joe at 82032 and arrange return of said notes.

## 150 Alumni Attend Third Homecoming

About 150 Alumni visited the University campus over the weekend for the annual Alumni Homecoming.

A full round of activities greeted these returning graduates of the University.

Registration of the Alumni was held on Friday and Saturday mornings, and tours of the campus were conducted for the graduands.

The ranks of the returning Alumni were swelled by about 100 students from the University of Saskatchewan who came to Edmonton to see the Golden Bears and Huskies battle in the last of the Hardy Cup games.

Saturday evening a banquet and dance was held on the campus for the Alumni, with special guests of honor the Class of '23. About 150 people attended this banquet. About 40 of these were members of the 1923 graduating class.

Special decorations for the banquet were designed by law student Alwyn Scott. Toastmaster was Bernie Bowlen, president of the Students' Union.

Toast to the University was proposed by Dr. W. H. Swift, president of the Edmonton Alumni Association. Dr. Robert Newton, president of the university, responded. Toast to the Alumni was proposed by Marjery Lee with Professor L. Gads of the engineering department replying.

Special speaker of the evening was Frederick P. Whitman, M.P., alum of '23 and member of parliament for Montreal West. After the banquet a dance was held in Athabaska Hall while students held a dance in the Education Gym to entertain the visiting Saskatchewan students.

## To Distribute New Phonebook On October 22

Varsity students' phone book will be ready for distribution on the campus by Friday, Oct. 22, according to phone book director Doug Sherbaniuk.

The book will be distributed in the Arts, Med and Ed buildings.

Published every year by the Students' Union, the phone book contains numbers, names, addresses, faculties and other vital statistics on all students at the University.

The 1948-49 edition will be all dressed up in the "new look" with unique styling, said the director.

Typing of the thousands of names for the directory was done by volunteer help from Pembinites. Hamly Press Ltd. is in charge of printing.

## COED FORMAL POSTPONED

Postponement of the Wauneita Formal was announced after Wednesday night's Wauneita meeting. Original plans called for holding the dance October 30.

Date for the formal has been set for Saturday, Nov. 6, at 8:30, in the Drill Hall, it was announced by Wauneita officials today. Charge will be \$1.75 a couple.

Nancy Collinge was elected Frosh representative to the Wauneita executive. Other candidates were Lois Hoey and Betty Hamilton.



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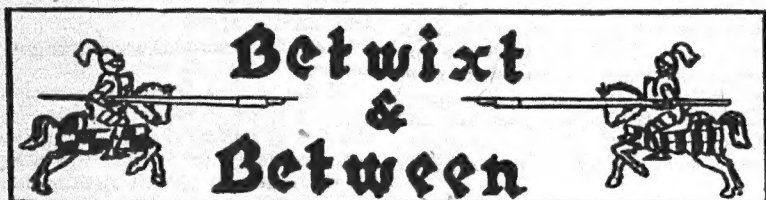
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## HOMECOMING SHAMBLES

Editor, The Gateway.  
Dear Sir:

As I walked into Caf. Sunday morning I was startled by the sight of a monument with its base draped in black velvet standing on a table. A spotlight swung slowly back and forth on a wire among the rafters. Suddenly I remembered. These were the symbols, the flotsam and jetsam of the Alumni Homecoming Weekend that had come and gone so unobtrusively. I remembered other things: the bare campus devoid of welcoming signs except for a piece of paper stuck on the door of the library reading room telling the Alums where to register. Within this room they could take refuge from the curious stares of the students. Other things came to my mind. The few quiet, subdued, couples at the big Alumni dance in Athabaska Hall, and tired, haggard, and disillusioned Director of Homecoming Weekend trying desperately to get volunteers to help move tables after the dance.

Was this shambles to be blamed entirely on the Director and his few hard working helpers? I think not. This was merely another example of the dangerous lethargy that has descended upon the University in the last few years. Our University—your University—has slowly died around us while the Students' Council, the body responsible for "promoting the general welfare and assisting in the common purposes of the University" has become mired down in administrative duties.

It is still not too late if the Council, the body responsible for "promotes. I do not think that the spirit is lacking; it merely needs awakening.

As the first step, the Council should establish an office of Public Relations to serve as a liaison between the student body and itself. It must have its fingers constantly on the pulse of student activity and student opinion.

One of the main reasons for the lack of interest in lack of advertising. The Gateway is doing a good job, but it is not enough. The student must be made to feel that his participation is not only being solicited, but appreciated and necessary. I am certain that the Director of Alumni Homecoming would have had much less trouble finding help if

the students were given to understand that they were the ones welcoming the Alums back, and that everyone had a part in the celebrations.

I cannot stress too strongly the danger in the present emphasis on small clubs and faculties. The student must be reminded that he is a part of the University of Alberta first, and a member of the Pre-Med-Dent Club second.

The Council does not seem to realize this threat. It still continues to subsidize small clubs that are barely able to exist but are still a heavy drain on the funds and the unity of the student body.

Perhaps the Council approves of small functions by small groups. Why else would it have doomed the class dances by combining all the Undergrad dances into one while allowing the faculty clubs and other clubs to hold their respective, and I might add, exclusive formal?

The "A" Train debacle would appear to belie all that I have been arguing for, but I believe that this was a case of advertising coming too late. I hope that the Council has not lost heart because of this rebuttal.

Perhaps I am young and foolish and not old and wise in the ways of man, but I still have hopes of seeing the era of Big Time Operators and Small Time Operators pass and be replaced by one in which every student can proudly say, "This is my University."

I have but one more year to linger. I hope I shall not be disappointed.

Yours truly,  
GEORGE FONG.

## "BIG EVENT" CHAOS

Editor, The Gateway.

Dear Sir:

University, to most people, is the seat of higher learning, a place where one should learn a decent philosophy of life. When we get up here, what do we find?

So many hours a day, so many days a week, students scurry to lectures, copy madly the facts and data which the professor is giving them, take them home, memorize them, and give them back on the exam papers.

Oh, yes, now we hear a few com-

ments and complaints faintly voiced over in the far corner. You say that there is quite a bit of extra-curricular activity, too? True, there are all the big events of "Campus Life." For instance, remember the "A" train and all the support it had? What was the matter? True, that was Thanksgiving weekend, but were over four thousand students going home for that weekend? Why do I pick the number four thousand? Surely you are aware that registration here is well over four thousand, and also that only 75 students cared to go to U. of S. to support their team. Only one word will describe that, and that word is Apathy, yes, just plain apathy with a capital "A".

Then there was the "big" Alumni Homecoming Weekend. Just how many were busy at it, and how long had it been planned? Of course, everyone assumed there would be one every year, but nothing was done till just a few weeks before the event. Did they have a decent sized committee to do the job? No! A few who were decent enough to work hard were loaded up with work till they were nearly dead. And, as if that wasn't bad enough, they had to worry about pinching pennies, too. The Students' Council wouldn't even allow them enough to do things easily. Any little club can come with their budgets for some driving little undertaking, and the Council is glad to give them a few hundred dollars, but when something big like Alumni Homecoming is here, do you think that any funds are forthcoming? Some people have the oddest sense of values that I have ever seen!

And another matter—that of the two dances on Saturday evening. "The Dance," held in Athabaska dining room had a very poor attendance, while the one in the Education Building was so packed that one could barely move. Why did that have to happen? Sure, everyone is ready to blame it on those in charge. Just how much do you think one or two people can do? When the powers that be, namely the Council, decided to move a little more quickly, and distribute funds a little more wisely, perhaps some of the "big" events will be big, instead of petering out when they should be just beginning. Why is it that the UAB gets just as much as Student Union fees. That certainly isn't a fair distribution, because the whole amount goes for perhaps one-twentieth of the student body. And that is only one little instance. Actually, I could go on indefinitely, but I must go now. Perhaps we will see something done this year, anyway.

WES.

## ALUMNI FLOP

Editor, The Gateway.

Dear Sir:

When I first came to this University, I was all prepared to be a witness to many great and wonderful spectacles sponsored by the Students' Union. I looked forward with anticipation to mass demonstrations of school spirit, huge dances and mammoth football games. However, these things did not materialize, much to my disappointment. Being a lowly Frosh, I felt that I was in no position to complain. Now that I have joined the illustrious ranks of the upperclassmen, I'd like to say exactly what I think of the Students' Union.

The Students' Union is responsible for every activity that goes on around this campus. I'm sure the members of this elected body realize this, but do they do anything about it? They do not! They throw the whole burden of a particular job on the shoulders of some unfortunate student. Many times this student does not freely volunteer to accept the position, but is urged and prodded on until his resistance breaks down. The result of this can only be failure, because the student's whole heart is not in his job. Even if the student does volunteer, he is given very little aid by the Union, and again failure results. Examples of some of these are Frosh Week, which was a fiasco if I ever saw one, Alumni Homecoming Weekend (an absolute flop), and the football games. The Union might say, "Well, if the students had shown a little more enthusiasm, this would never have happened." How can we show spirit when, for instance, our top-notch Golden Bears are compelled to play second-rate teams? We know the games will be no good, so why should we bother attending them?

It's about time the Union members snapped out of their lethargy. If something is not done to improve our activities this year, it never will. I am sure the students will be wholeheartedly behind any move that the Union might make towards improving our campus life.

W. G. EGBERT.

## COUNCIL BLAMED

Editor, The Gateway.

Dear Sir:

Well, Alumni Homecoming has come and gone... and how! What happened? Did a few of the many Alums of this University know of the week end as did the University students now on the campus? Of the 1,400 Alums in Edmonton alone, how many went shooting rather than come back to the campus for two days? And of all those in Alberta alone, how many even thought of attending what could be the major function on the campus?

Some pertinent suggestions are certainly in order to rectify the situation not only with respect to this particular function, but also to the other major functions of the University year. Firstly, the Students' Council should exercise far more care in the selection of a director for such events and not "joe" some poor unfortunate into one of the hardest jobs on the campus.

They should also supervise the selection of his committee, not in a totalitarian fashion, but with an eye to seeing that the right people are on the obviously right committee. I think that this could best be achieved by appointing someone on the Council itself as the director, or at least as a supervisor.

True, our competent Vice-president holds such a position as the head of the Social Directorate, but how can one girl be expected to look after a rugby parade, a Variety Show, a banquet and dance, a church service, or what have you? No... she needs help and plenty of it.

There must be some far-sighted planning done... more than the usual amount of advertising... more than the usual spirit shown... and maybe our Alumni will want to come back, not just for a weekend, but for several days which could be literally packed with entertainment for them. There could be a concert by the Mixed Chorus some afternoon, one or more banquets which serve to bring back old memories instead of old speakers... a dance where they could let themselves loose instead of feeling strained... a Variety Show with twice the talent that has so far been shown... and other events that any far-seeing committee could visualize if they started two months ahead of time instead of two weeks.

What do you think?

STILL HOPEFUL.

## BOOST NEEDED

Editor, The Gateway.

Dear Sir:

Early upon the morning of Saturday, Oct. 16, a crew of vandals from U. of S. entered the Alta. campus and perpetrated a series of villainies upon the sleeping Albertans. Not the least of these was the ornamentation of the biffy enamelware of Athabaska Hall with bright green paint, a blow designed to strike deep into the educational system and leave the Alberta boys with a complaint of long standing.

The result, however, was the last thing one might attribute to Alberta the virtuous, the chaste, and the oh, so dead, did not display the sharp intake of breath, and the lifted eye-brow. On the contrary, the general attitude was one of admiration—the phrase, "Boy, those guys got some spirit!" At this stage discussion revealed the rather embarrassing fact that Sask. had turned out 4,000 spectators for a game they were sure of losing. That this year's Huskies had been outfitted from the group up, and yet Sask. football showed a profit.

In contrast, Albertans had to swallow the unpalatable fact of near desertion on all sports front.

The only enterprise to which they could point with pride was that answer to the Alberta Liquor Control Board Proof—the "A" train—a function in which Lord Calver's followers had the definite upper hand over Don Snell's.

Nonetheless, the faint stirrings of life could be detected in the admiration of the Saskatchewan descent upon the fold. Possibly a little official organization, some channelling of embryonic vitality could be arranged. A council sponsored Booster Club in time to back up the Basketball Bears. Moreover, within a few years there might be a sufficient spiritual revival to permit a Union sponsored crayon cruise to Sask.

DENNIS ENGELS.

## YMCA So-Ed Club Meetings Begin On October 30

Young Adults Club of the Edmonton YMCA will begin courses in Leisure-Time Hobbies October 20th. Registration for these courses began October 4th, and will continue until October 18th. A registration fee of \$3.50 will be paid at time of registration.

Courses are being offered in leathercraft, bridge, chip carving, music appreciation, photography, public speaking, sketching, and car driving, both theoretical and practical.

Second half of the club's program includes lectures in current events, psychology, and sex education. Competent instructors in all these courses will take charge of the groups.

During the year several dances will be held for members of the club. Students interested in so-ed activities can contact Chairman Darcy Kurysh at 84112.

## TILLYARD TALK

Dr. E. M. W. Tillyard, Master of Jesus College, Cambridge University, will speak in Med 142 at 4:30 Wednesday. Instead of the scheduled topic, Dr. Tillyard will be speaking on "The Meaning of Shakespeare to Us."

## IRATE COMMUTER

Editor, The Gateway.

Dear Sir:

The other morning some twenty students on the corner of Jasper and 97th street were forced to hire taxis in order to make eight o'clock lectures. They had paid their bus fares, and were waiting to transfer to a south side street car. It did not appear. Finally, thoroughly disgusted, they took cabs and barely made classes.

This was an exception, of course. But the rule is just as bad. Every morning a couple of thousand extra passengers are being poured into the transportation system, which is already crowded with men and women going to eight o'clock jobs. The daily result is a tiring, irritating, chaotic struggle.

For this privilege the student, none too flush with his dollars, pays up to two-bits a day, depending on how much travelling he does. There is even talk of raising fares again.

Now, Mr. Bowlen and Council! What are you going to do? Do you really represent the people who elected you? If you do, you can take positive action in our behalf. The Students' Council must apply pressure on the Edmonton Transit System to:

- (a) Supply adequate car service.
  - (b) Introduce lower student rates.
- And you, Mr. Editor! It's our paper, you say. Prove it! Take up our cause. Or don't you give a damn?

W. V. STILWELL.

## BEER-FIGHTS

Editor, The Gateway.

Dear Sir:

Since in my memory some two or three students have annually given the odd 4,000 of their fellows something of a beating for lack of University "spirit," then perhaps a word on the subject would not come amiss. I hold that campus spirit is not in a sickly condition, but that it is a good deal healthier than Mr. Hay-Roe's criticisms of it.

The following, for instance, may be taken as a few examples of what, in a broad sense, constitutes our University spirit:

- (1) Coffee sessions.
- (2) Contact with stimulating professors.
- (3) Contact with stimulating students.
- (4) The use of library facilities.
- (5) Chats in between classes.
- (6) The Gateway.
- (7) "Beer-fights".
- (8) University bus scrambles.
- (9) D.V.A. pay parades.
- (10) The hundred or so clubs that flourish on the campus. Their existence is not any reason to shout "chaos". Their diversity is evidence of student wisdom, of campus vitality and of a strong underlying order and direction in student interests.
- (11) The annual "paper" war between those of the Middle and Right and the ultra-conservative Conservatives of the campus, the LPP's.
- (12) Support of varsity major events before minor interests and minor club affiliation. The "A" train fiasco is not a case in point.
- (13) The whole-hearted warmth of one of those spontaneous roars of approval at a major sports event. Synthetic support is only valuable up to the point where it interferes with crowd reaction. You can't watch game action, a cheer sheet and cheer leaders all at once. I've seen it attempted.
- (14) Varsity dances.
- (15) A tolerant attitude towards the Boy-Scribe's yelps about student "apathy". Just remember the old Eastern proverb: "The little dogs bark but the caravan moves on."

Yours,

ERNIE HODGSON.

## RADICAL CHANGES

Editor, The Gateway.

Dear Sir:

Three years ago, the first Alumni Homecoming Week end was held. On October 15th, 1948, probably the last Alumni Homecoming Weekend was held unless some radical changes are brought about. The banquet in the Cafeteria will illustrate what I mean. The Alumni and staff entered the Cafeteria to find a mix-up in the seating arrangements, and a service that necessitated at least twenty minute breaks between courses. Then there was a general dispersal which saw a few wander aimlessly over to an empty dance hall in Athabaska, and the rest disappear completely from the scene.

Where does the fault lie? Certainly not in the harassed director and the handful of others who made valiant efforts to make Homecoming successful. Nor can it be blamed entirely on the now trite and banal "general apathy of the student body." It seems to me that the major portion of the blame falls not on the director appointed, but on the Students' Council, which is or should be directly responsible for the projects they sponsor. And instead of breaking their arms patting themselves on the back when something is a success, and blaming all failures on student lethargy, why not take positive steps to correct this indifference? The Council should be responsible for creating enough interest to ensure success, they should be reminding the students that their first duty is to the University, not to the Little Mothers Knitting Club or the Alpha Moo fraternity; they should be responsible for advertising and criticizing and approving the program that is to be undertaken.

Of course, the obvious reply to this is that the already over-burdened Council has not the time to do these things, they are too busy with the budget, the Students' Union Building, and a multitude of other

With H. V. WEEKES

## Soupcon

We should like to call to the attention of our fellow students a recent editorial which called for guest columns to occupy more usefully the space we inhabit from time to time. At least part of the function of The Gateway, the editorial stated, was to provide an outlet for campus writing talent. So far the response has been disappointing.

Where there are so many races represented as there are on this campus, many of you should find no trouble in finding interesting subject matter in racial traditions, folk habits and customs strange and interesting to the average student. Many of you come from pioneering stock and have easy access to first hand accounts of earlier days in Alberta. As many others have visited where most of us have never been. We mention but a few of the many subjects that would interest editors and readers alike, but there are thousands more. Write an article for The Gateway this week and help to make the paper more interesting. At the same time you will gain valuable writing experience and perform a service to yourself and your fellows by limiting the appearances of Soupcon. To you... we throw the torch.

The crocodile tears we shed at the cancellation of the "A" train proved in the end to be without cause; and for this we are as happy as the situation requires. It does something to restore our wavering faith in human nature to discover that there are, after all, students with enough campus spirit to make them leave town, students, indeed, who find the said campus spirit less embarrassing in more distant scenes. We are confident that they have left upon the good citizens of Saskatoon precisely the same impression of student intelligence which the people of Edmonton acquired from the impressive retaliatory invasion.

We trust it will not be too far out of character for us to suggest to our readers a book with which we have been most keenly delighted, one we can wholeheartedly recommend to anyone who has any interest whatever in its theme. The author, so well known to a host of admirers, fails, perhaps, to achieve a full measure of success in his main undertaking, but in the incidental parts of his story he is often brilliant. His characterization is masterly, particularly in his portrayal of those characters who carry the main burden. Who, indeed, will be able to forget the final crushing scene when all the difficulties are resolved? Perhaps the careful reader will be able to detect in the oldest of the minor characters an echo of the hero himself, and will see in the parallel a deeper significance than will be apparent to the mere skimmer. However serious a student is, however, one will find in this remarkable picture of the place and the time a depth of understanding that has developed in the author himself from his unforgettable first novel through the sequel for which we waited so many years to this final, climactic statement of a faith of which we have been desperately in need. Even without the thoughtfulness of the publishers in keeping the price of this magnificent volume so low, we could not refrain from

things. But surely the success of Alumni Homecoming should be of more concern than the proposed budget of the Snail Watchers Club.

What should be done? First, appointment of a committee to provide interchange between Council and director, or a council member to whom the director could report plans and progress being made, and request suggestions and help when required. It could be the responsibility of this committee to inform the students as to what is going on, to attempt to create greater interest, and thereby make students more anxious to play a part.

Secondly, more and better advertising, both for the students and the Alums. For example, a staff could be appointed just for the purpose of notifying the Alumni a month or so before Homecoming Weekend, then reminders could be mailed at a later date. This would avoid much of the last minute rush that was experienced by the Homecoming committee this time.

Thirdly, how about a little more informality for Alumni Homecoming? A little more whoop and holler might be a good thing. The argument against this is that Homecoming should be a hallowed event, honoring the old Alma Mater; this may be partly true, but not even the oldest Alumni wants to devote his time and money to a weekend of reverent meditation.

One hundred and seventy-six plates were set at the banquet. Subtract the complimentary and the faculty members, and how many Alumni were present? Not very many when you consider there are nine thousand Alumni, some three or four thousand in Alberta, and approximately fifteen hundred in Edmonton. And don't blame this all on lack of Alumni interest; when the guest speaker travels over two thousand miles there must be a few members of enthusiasm still smouldering.

K. N. BRYANT.

Irate Pedestrian: "Why don't you watch where you're going? Are you blind?"  
Motorist: "Blind, hell. I hit you, didn't I?"

urging all our friends to read the book at their earliest opportunity.

We are sorry that "Romeo and Juliet" was chosen without the benefit of our advice, particularly since we have received a note from Totolito Celt, impresario of our sister University of Anesthesia. Mr. Celt informs us that his alma mater has chosen for its annual performance a 13th century play called "Otis and Ursula."

"... Naturally," writes Mr. Celt, "we are sticking strictly to 13th century ideas, and since the play took place originally in a tavern, we are using engineers for all parts. At the same time we are removing all the seats from the auditorium to retain the uninhibited atmosphere of the play."

Since the University of Anesthesia has not yet thought of removing Mr. Celt and substituting the comparatively conservative Mad Man Munch, our own Drama Club has a perfect opportunity to steal a march on their hated rivals.

It was very pleasant to have with us on the campus last week those classroom veterans who have survived the lectures of other years and have since found their places in normal life. The members of the class of '23, in particular, were interested to remember that Hey-Zeus O'Shay, our redoubtable assistant, was once one of their number, and will learn, perhaps for the first time, the reason he did not graduate with them in that illustrious year. A month before the final examinations, it seems, he fell asleep in a physics lab, and was not noticed until January, 1947, when the janitors made their regular visit. A slight argument occasioned when the authorities attempted to collect tuition fees for 24 years being happily concluded, Mr. O'Shay has continued his studies, and is expected to graduate cum laude almost any year now.

In an exclusive interview with the Editor-in-Chief this week, we gained advance notice of a change in editorial policy so drastic that it is likely to shake the University to its foundations. Pounding his battered desk with a grimy paw, the Editorial Jove hurled this thunderbolt: "Whenever possible," he announced, "the Tuesday Gateway will henceforth appear on Tuesdays, the Friday edition will be out on Fridays." He denied that his radical decision had induced any members of his staff to threaten resignation.

Mr. Gordon Wyatt has denied the approaching fall has anything to do with his revived interest in tree photography. "I'd just as soon have them with their leaves on every branch," he declared, "though a bare limb can add interest to a picture!"

The Editor was sober this week.

## Horse Addicts Form Fledgling Campus Club

Newest of campus clubs to be organized is the Riding Club, currently meeting in the small hours of every Sunday morning.

Present plans of the club call for the horses to be rented from local stables at special rates. Instruction will be given to all beginners joining the club. Regular rides will be held for the remainder of the fall and will start again in the spring.

Notices appearing last week in the Arts Building advertising the Riding Club as being for women only are incorrect. All students are welcome to join.

## Varsity Symphony Urgently Requires More Musicians

More violins are needed for the Varsity Symphony Orchestra, according to Conductor Gordon Clark. First and second violinists are urgently required, while more violas and string basses are also needed, the symphony leader said.

French horn or other horn players are still needed to bolster the brass and woodwind sections of the orchestra.

Rehearsals for the annual concert to be presented after Christmas are continuing. Students wishing to join the orchestra may do so by contacting Gordon Clark, or by turning out to orchestra rehearsals in Con Hall, Wednesday nights.

## SOCIAL WORK TALK

An address on "Medical Social Work" will be given by Mrs. Foster, of the staff of the Colonel Mevburn Hospital, Thursday, at 3:00 p.m., in Room 17, Hut H.

A graduate of UBC, Mrs. Foster has spent five years as a Medical Service worker, and will be using her own experiences as a basis for her talk. She has just completed three years working in the Tranquille Sanatorium, and one year in Vancouver.

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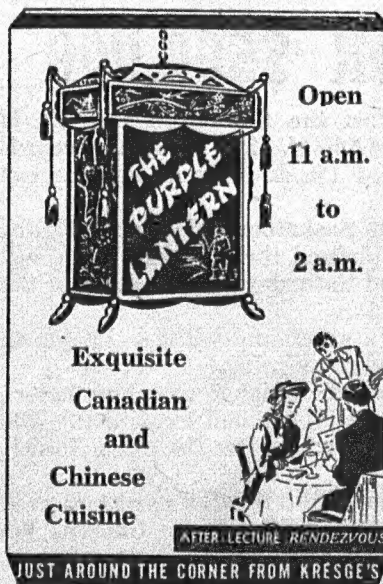
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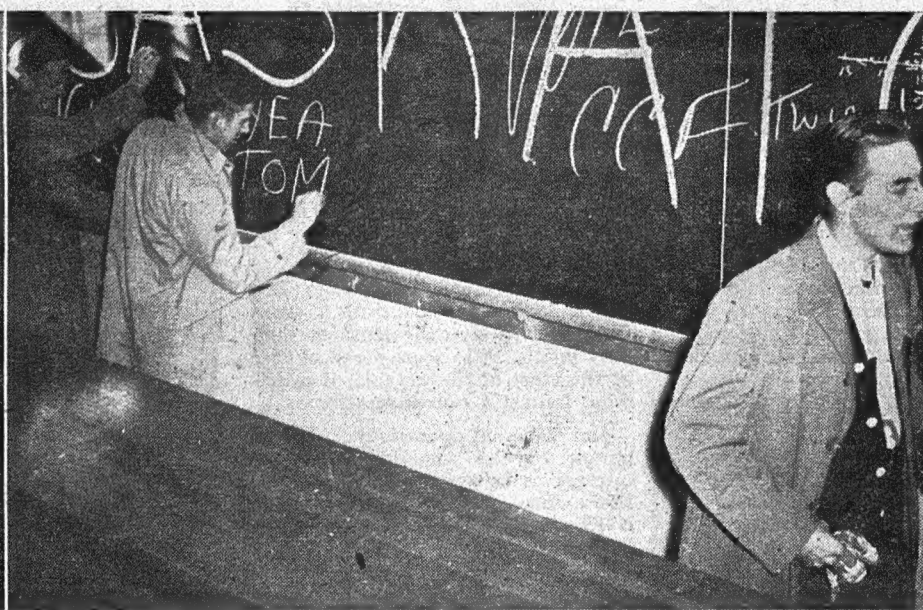
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## Pranks, Parades Highlight Homecoming Weekend

**SASK. INVADERS** detrain from two special coaches at the C.N.R. depot Saturday morning. Arriving in time for Alberta Alumni Homecoming activities, the 100 U. of S. visitors took part in downtown football parade, attended intersarsity football game and jammed into a dance at Ed gym Saturday night.

**SNAKE DANCE** through classrooms at U of A was staged by Sask. students Saturday morning. Besides chalk, the visitors came well-equipped with paint, did a thorough job of redecorating campus, residences and Clarke Stadium, in bright gobs of wife and green.

**WINNING FLOAT** for Saturday's Homecoming football parade was faculty of Agriculture's entry. Aggies have won first place in parade entries three times in past four years. All covered with green sward mounted by a globe, Ag float was colorful comment on world situation today.

### INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SEMINAR . . .

## Albertans Attend Germany Conference

Following is first in a series of four articles written for The Gateway by students Jean Anderson and Ron Manery, who attended a six-week International Students Service seminar in Germany this summer. Dale C. Thompson, who was a third member of the University of Alberta's delegation to the conference, is now attending university at Paris. The three U. of A. students were chosen as delegates by representatives of the University and ISS on the basis of good scholarship and qualities of leadership. Miss Anderson and Mr. Thompson received B.A. degrees from the U. of A. last spring. Mr. Manery graduated in agriculture in 1947, and has been a post-graduate student during the past session. First article in the series written by Mr. Manery appears below. Subsequent stories by Miss Anderson will describe conditions in Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

By Ron Manery

"This makes us believe that peace is possible," said Johannes Geccelli, German student from Dusseldorf, after the closing ceremonies of our International Summer Seminar in the British Zone of Germany. Six weeks of living, studying, walking and talking together at beautiful Schloss Ploen had convinced most of the 150 representatives of 19 different races that barriers of nationality and background are less significant than the fundamental similarity of human beings.

With 48 other Canadian students from 19 Canadian universities we boarded the "Kota Intern" at Quebec City on June 18th to join 700 examples of American college youth from almost every state in the union. These were only one tenth of the

of Europe, University Study groups, and American Youth for World Youth.

During the 11 day trip passing at only 13 nautical miles per hour, we rather unanimously concluded that the world wasn't so small after all.

### DUTCH TREAT

We docked on June 29 at Rotterdam. Twenty-four hours were spent in the Netherlands seeing Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Leiden, 700-year-old Delft, and a Czechoslovak, refugee school near Utrecht.

Of particular interest to Canadian students is the fact that most Dutch textbooks are written in either German, French or English, and nearly all movies are in those same languages. The Netherlands market is too small to allow economical publishing and production in their own language; thus a Dutch student must learn two, and frequently three, languages besides his own.

On leaving spotlessly clean Holland, we became guests of the British Control Commission for Germany, travelling by military train through the devastated German Ruhr and through Hamburg to our summer of Kiel, and an equal distance from headquarters at Ploen, 20 miles south the Anglo-Russian demarcation line near Lubbeck.

Here at a 17th century castle, dominating a refugee-swollen town of 12,000 and surrounded by a series of beautiful lakes, we received our 100 student guests. Fifty of them were German from every zone of occupation except the Russian. Fifty more were from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, France, Great Britain and the Baltic (Refugee) University near Hamburg. No representatives were there from Belgium, Spain, Italy, Switzerland, or from "behind the Iron Curtain."

### NO RESOLUTIONS

Our Seminar was not a conference; it was an "Experiment in International Education and International Living." We made no resolutions and no recommendations. The world is tired of them.

Under the academic supervision of Dr. Marcus Long of the University of Toronto, five mornings per week were taken up by lectures in various branches of philosophy, social sciences and natural sciences, given by an imposing group of Canadian, English, German and Belgian professors. We had other come-and-go guest speakers from the University of Paris, German political parties, the CCG Education Service, British Intelligence, and the CCG itself.

### LOST

A yellow silk scarf, with a floral design. Finder please Phone 31736.

## POLISH TOPICS FEATURED FOR ESSAY CONTEST

The Polish Institute of Canada, McGill University, have recently announced a Literary Contest, open to all university students in Canada.

Contestants for the two prizes of \$35 and \$10, respectively, are required to write a short story of from 1,000 to 1,500 words on the topic—Poland. Any significant aspect of Poland, the history, culture, folklore, legends, customs, or sports, can be used as the main subject of the composition.

Entries must be mailed to the Polish Institute at McGill University by January 15, 1949, and must be in triplicate.

Both cash prizes also include a book on Poland or a masterpiece of Polish literature.

For further information, write the Polish Institute, McGill University, 3466 University St., Montreal, Que.

## Pybus Appointed To Government Trade Position

Willard G. Pybus, former President of the Students' Union, will leave for Ottawa in June to train for the position of Assistant Trade Commissioner.

In the wedding out of applicants across the Dominion, Mr. Pybus placed first on the list of exam results.

Mr. Pybus, President of the Students' Union in '46-'47, has his degree in B.Ed., and is proceeding towards his M.A.

After he has received 18 months training in the east he will be sent to one of the 34 countries with which Canada carries on trade relations.

Mr. Pybus was in the Air Force three years, two of which were spent in England as an instructor of the P.A.F.U. — Pilots Advanced Flying Unit. On his discharge he had attained the rank of F.O.

While in England he married an English girl. Mrs. Pybus headed the Varsity Housing Bureau during the summer, and is now employed as stenographer in the COTC Orderly Room.

While president, Bill was chairman of the Building Advisory Board which was instrumental in launching the \$500,000 campus building program.

## Banff Scenery Is Theme Of Student Art Display

By Alexandra Pyrcz

Student artists from all over the world are represented in the current art exhibition on the rotunda of the second floor of the Arts Building.

This collection, which will travel Canada, represents the finest work of the 1948 summer school session of the Banff School of Fine Arts. Artists from as far distant places as Honolulu, Hawaii and London, England, have their pictures on display.

The paintings, selected by a jury of artists, were chosen for their imagination and originality. Though artists at the school had complete freedom of expression, the trend of most of the students is to the modern school. Extremes from photographic-like realism to abstract work are seen.

### SUNDANCE CANYON

Some of the students, who had no professional guidance before entering the school, have their work on display. Among these is Miss Ralenka of Edmonton, who won a prize for making the most notable progress at the school. Her picture

## RCAF Interviews Applicants For Varsity Flight

Students interested in joining the RCAF University Flight are now being interviewed from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily by F/L J. H. (Johnny) Gilmore in A152.

F/L Gilmore is the newly appointed University liaison officer for the RCAF, succeeding Prof. L. Gads, who is now the Commanding Officer of the new flight. Applications will also be accepted by F/L Gilmore for the Air Force Summer Employment Scheme, which offers the veteran students employment in the RCAF during the summer months.

The RCAF is particularly interested in Engineering, Science, and Medical students. Any freshmen interested in flying training are urged to make application without delay, as only a few will be accepted, and competition is keen.

Prof. Strickland—Where do insects spend the winter?  
Student—Search me.

which suggest the gloomy impression Banff's heavy clouds and incessant rain left on the artist.

Finally, two of the finest pictures are two water-colors by Geo. Wago of Honolulu. The pale, hazy colors of these two mountain scenes give an interesting vagueness to the pictures. There is a delicateness and Oriental-like quality about Wago's work which is different from anything else in the display.

The exhibition not only shows the amount of student talent in the country, but the enthusiasm which the artists must have had to have trekked halfway across the globe to attend the Banff School of Fine Arts.

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## EUS Latin Quarter For October 23

Soft music, dreamy candlelight, "lush" decorations—and chorus girls—will highlight "Latin Quarter," Education Undergrad Society's annual dance, being held in the Ed Gym, at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 23.

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